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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on August 20, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

First, the status of the claims is not accurate; specifically, claims 3 and 4 have not been withdrawn but are part of elected Group I.

Second, as of July 30, 2003, the text of withdrawn claims must be included in the amendment. It is noted that all of the claims from non-elected group II have been canceled except for claim 10 (see Remarks on page 6 of the amendment filed August 20, 2003). Thus, claim 10 remains withdrawn from consideration and should be indicated as such.

Further, applicant's remarks in the fourth paragraph on page 6 of the amendment are not understood, particularly since claim 10, which has been withdrawn from consideration, has not been amended and thus remains dependent upon canceled claim 6.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers Technology Center 3700 are: after-final responses - (703)872-9303; other formal/official papers - (703)872-9302. The fax number for informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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